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How Did it Come to This?

We are witnessing the texture and vitality of a new landscape of the mind. We are watching the dislocation of morality and conscience from the societal moorings of historic Christianity. In so many ways it is true that we have more and we have become less.

What are we to make of Charlottesville, simply another name on a long list of cities that will forever remind us of evil incarnated?

What are we to make of Iceland and its final solution to Down Syndrome? Do we call it a societal selection process, eugenics or murder? I wonder what special group is next?

What are we to make of Oregon's legal solution for state funded abortion for all legal and illegal residents of the state?

What is the Church to do in light of this reality?
What are we as Christians to do in light of this barbarity?

Are we simply to engage in passive acquiescence and become guilty of the crime of complicity?

As Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel reminds us; *We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must - at that moment - become the center of the universe.*

Regrettably, today there are many "centers of the universe." You cannot be involved in everything but you can do something. What "something" will you do today in your

universe?

Remember the words of Bonhoeffer; *The righteous man lives for the next generation.*

Serving Him with you
Until He comes for us,
Fred

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